



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0536

July 11, 2014

The Honorable John Boehner
Speaker, The U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Boehner:

In the midst of our current humanitarian immigration crisis, you have a historic opportunity to help fix our broken immigration system by allowing a vote for comprehensive immigration reform. As Speaker of the House, it is your decision to bring this bill to the floor for a vote, and by blocking a vote you're blocking comprehensive immigration reform and a real, long-term solution that will secure our borders, reduce our deficit, improve our economy and allow hard working immigrants to earn their citizenship. Our nation is demanding action, and Congress is failing to answer the call. As Speaker, you have both the great opportunity and the responsibility to restore our faith that the United States House of Representatives will do the will of the people and put the American people above partisanship.

We have a humanitarian crisis when 4 year olds cross our borders, all alone, and when children flee their country under threat of violence to them or their families. As an Emergency Medicine doctor and humanitarian and disaster specialist, I know that we must address the immediate needs of these children who have suffered much by treating them with respect and dignity and ensuring that they are responsibly cared for and processed according to the law.

Working together to craft a humane bipartisan immigration policy that upholds our values as Americans is not a Republican or a Democratic issue. We must end the partisan bickering and create a pragmatic solution that secures our borders, promotes fairness, includes an earned path to citizenship, and protects our workers and businesses. Doing so will reduce our deficit and improve our economy. Further delay will create uncertainty for businesses and workers. It will reduce tax revenues and prevent millions of hardworking families from contributing to their American Dream and to the prosperity of our country.

It is our American way to come together during a crisis and do the right thing in service to our country and our American values of respecting the rule of law and people's dignity. We are a nation of entrepreneurs and innovators. Our country is a beacon of hope and justice, and our people are resilient and resourceful. Americans have never shied away from difficult problems, and we never will. It is during our moments of crisis, when these problems seem impossible, that

we must come together to find solutions. Passing comprehensive immigration reform is our solution and we need it now more than ever. I urge you to do what is right, end the partisan bickering, and allow the House of Representatives to vote on comprehensive immigration reform that would fix our broken immigration system.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Raul Ruiz", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Raul Ruiz, M.D.
Member of Congress